

FY2015 (7/1/14 – 6/30/15) Annual Work Plan Pine Creek Conservation District



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Mission of the Pine Creek Conservation District:

The mission of the district is to work in cooperation with private landowners and other local, state and federal agencies to voluntarily protect, enhance and restore natural resources in the Pine Creek Conservation District. This mission will be accomplished with information/education, technical and financial assistance, and assessment of local natural resource conditions and concerns. The district will foster community involvement in natural resource issues and cooperation between private landowners, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private business.

Natural Resource Priorities

Soil

- o This is designated as a state, regional and local priority
- The NRCS State Resources Assessment 2011:Priority Resource Concerns is the Data Source
- Washington State NRCS, Washington State Department of Ecology, Adams CD, Pine Creek CD, Palouse CD, Spokane CD, Whitman CD

Water

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Agricultural Energy Efficiency

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Air Quality

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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Soil and associated Water Quality

Goal(s): To reduce soil erosion and its impacts on water quality in the district, to improve soil health and productivity, to improve water quality.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Soil erosion will be reduced and water quality will be improved by at least 5% in the district in FY2014.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: 100 landowners/operators will be contacted/worked with resulting in 40 plans written and implemented in FY2014.

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation, Basic Funding, TSP (NRCS), Ecology, District Financing

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Offer Technical Assistance on targeted highly erodible areas in the district –includes: farm plan development & revision of existing plans, field measurements, mapping, meetings w/ landowner, develop plans & permit assistance.	7/14-6/15	Manager	15	\$5925	
Provide direct technical assistance for the implementation of Best Management Practices: filter strips, contour buffers, critical area seeding, riparian buffers, direct seed & reduced tillage.	7/14-6/15	Manager	15	\$5925	
Provide information on benefits of planning and installing BMP's via web site, meetings and one-on-one contacts with landowners.	7/14-6/15	Board, Manager	5	\$1975	
Quality Review: Perform TSP services for CRP status reviews and practice checks	7/14-6/15	Manager	5	\$1975	
Write Conservation Plans and produce maps for CRP	7/14-6/15	Manager	35	\$13825	
Contact Landowners and inform about the benefits of direct seeding, assist with cost-share applications and provide technical assistance.	7/14-6/15	Manager	2	\$790	





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Assist Landowners with updating Conservation plans for direct seeding as needed.	7/14-6/15	Manager	3	\$1185	
Provide technical assistance to Landowners with implementing direct seeding.	7/14-6/15	Manager	5	\$1975	
Coordinate with Palouse-Rock Lake CD in the administration, planning and implementation of joint direct-seed grant	7/14-6/15	Board/Manager	2	\$790	
Contact Landowners and inform about the benefits of riparian areas. Target priority riparian areas. Offer cost share assistance.	7/14-6/15	Manager	3	\$1185	
Assist Landowners with riparian area conservation plans.	7/14-6/15	Manager, Board	5	\$1975	
Provide technical assistance with developing riparian areas and installing riparian area BMPs.	7/14-6/15	Manager	4	\$1580	
Assist landowners with cost-share applications, administration of cost share program and seek new cost share sources	7/14-6/15	Manager	4	\$1580	



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Energy Efficiency

Goal(s): To improve Ag Operations Energy Efficiency, to reduce energy usage

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Electricity usage by agriculture will be reduced by 2% in FY2015

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: Seek funding to continue district's energy efficiency program

Funding Source(s): WSCC Implementation, WSCC Category 3, District, BPA, Utilities, Other

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Identify, Apply and Obtain funding to continue district's energy efficiency program	7/14-6/15	Manager	5	1,975	



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Natural Resource Priority Program Area: Air

Goal(s): Air quality will be improved throughout the entire district due to reductions in Ag burning and burning when environmental conditions exist that direct smoke away from populated areas.

Natural Resource Measurable Result Objective: Air Quality will be improved in the district in FY2014

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective: 60 Landowners/Operators will be worked with resulting in 60 burn permit evaluations

Funding Source(s): Local Burn permit program

Activities for FY2015	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Receive, evaluate, produce maps and process burn permit applications for approximately 50 landowners/producers.	7/14-6/15	Manager	30	\$11,850	
Cooperate with Dept. of Ecology in coordinating daily burn calls to minimize impact of permitted Ag burning.	7/14-6/15	Manager	2	\$790	
Process, analyze, select and contact producers for metered burning in burn zone 7 on metered burn days	7/14-6/15	Manager	2	\$790	
Assist producers with post burn reports	7/14-6/15	Manager	2	\$790	
Research and evaluate visual smoke management systems in cooperation with DOE	7/14-6/15	Manager	2	\$790	

District Program Area: Information/Education

Goal(s): To increase awareness of Natural Resource problems in the district. To enhance landowners/Operators abilities to address Natural Resource problems.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

The district will offer farm inventories and maps for 5% of the landowners in the district, will provide natural resource information and support to local groups and individuals, will maintain and update a website, host an annual Ag Information Day, and support educational activities for interested local schools.

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2015	Target	Person	Time(Days)	Estimated	Notes
	Dates	Responsible	Required	Funding	
Produce maps for general public sales	7/14-6/15	Manager	2	\$790	
Conduct Farm Inventories and Produce Maps	7/14-6/15	Manager	5	\$1975	
Host an Annual Ag Information Day/Annual Meeting	3/14	Board, Manager	2	\$790	
Assist with County Envirothon	5/14	Manager	1	\$395	
Assist with County Landjudging Contest	10/13	Manager	1	\$395	
Assist with Booth at Whitman County Fair	9/13	Manager	1	\$395	
Provide Information and follow-up to walk-ins and phone calls	7/14-6/15	Manager	15	\$5925	

District Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): Efficient operation of the District, Compliance with all local, state and federal laws.

Programmatic Measurable Result Objective:

During this fiscal period - complete effective and efficient operations including accounting, grant vouchering, personnel management, Supervisor elections & appointments, training & development, annual planning and reporting and maintenance of district equipment and property

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2015	Target	Person	Time(Days)	Estimated	Notes
	Dates	Responsible	Required	Funding	
Monthly Board Meetings	Monthly	Board, Manager	9	\$3555	
Monthly Bill processing and coding	Monthly	Manager Manager	4	\$1580	
Monthly Payment Vouchers	Monthly	Auditor, Manager		\$790	
Quarterly Taxes	Quarterly	Manager	1	\$395	
Grant Vouchers	Monthly	Manager	1	\$395	
Grant Reporting	6/15	Manager	1	\$395	
Grant Applications	5/15	Board, Manager	1	\$395	
2013 Year End Financial Reports	2/15	Manager	2	\$790	
2015-16 Annual Plan of Work	3/15	Board, Manager	1	\$395	
Annual Internal Audit	5/15	Board, Manager	1	\$395	
Review MOUs, Policies, Law, Posters, Employee Manual	1/15	Board, Manager	.5	\$198	
Prepare 2013 Budget	2/15	Board, Manager	1	\$395	
Election/Appointment of Supervisors	12/14 – 3/15	Board, Manager	2	\$790	
Annual Meeting, planning, prep & hosting	2/15 - 3/15	Board, Manager	4	\$1580	
Annual Employee Evaluation	1/15	Board	.5	\$198	
Attend S.E. Area Meeting	10/14	Board, Manager	1	\$395	
Attend WACD Convention	12/14	Board, Manager	3	\$1185	
Attend WADE	6/15	Manager	3	\$1185	
Review/Inspect District Equipment, Maintenance Plan	12/14	Manager	.5	\$198	
Service & Maintenance of District Vehicle & ATV	As needed	Manager	.5	\$198	
District Office Maintenance & Repairs	As needed	Manager	1	\$395	
District Training	As available	Board, Manager	1	\$395	

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REVENUE:

WSCC Grants	\$ 48,400
WSCC Basic Funding	6,250
DOE Burn Permitting Program	15,000
Ecology Direct Seed	7,000
Equipment Rentals	500
Dues/Donations	500
Technical Service Provider Program	12,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$89,650

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$ 49,400
Benefits	18,800
Supplies & Equipment	3,000
Communications	2,200
Travel	1,500
Utilities	1,700
Training/Education	1,000
Insurance	3,500
Maintenance	700
Advertising	200
Dues	3,300
Fuel	2,500
Miscellaneous	1,850
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$89,650

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